Message from the President

Happy winter!

The Chapter Year is moving along briskly! We have hosted four monthly meetings, a Fall Seminar, and a Winter Seminar. A total of 251 members attended these events and if a member attended all of these events they could have earned 31 CPE’s! In March the Chapter has a joint event with ISACA planned and in April we will celebrate the Chapter’s 40th Anniversary with an evening event. May will bring our last Chapter meeting of the year and we will celebrate summer with our annual Golf Outing.

I would like to acknowledge all the Officers and Board of Governor members who assist in the administration of the Western Michigan Chapter. While our goal each year is to achieve Gold so we can maintain our platinum status, the Chapter Achievement Program is most of all a measure of the Chapter’s service to its members. The achievement of Gold Status each year represents success in service. In an IIA eLearning Webinar on February 16, 2016 IIA Chairman of the Board Larry Harrington, CIA, QIAL, CRMA, and CAE of Raytheon; emphasized the importance of continuing education. Mr. Harrington specifically highlighted the educational opportunities provided by local IIA Chapters and he reminded auditors of the need to “Invest in Yourself”. (A video of Mr. Harrington’s “Invest in Yourself” message can be viewed via the following link: https://na.theiia.org/about-us/Pages/2015-2016-Chairmans-Video.aspx)

For myself as the Chapter President, Mr. Harrington’s comments validated the need for great Chapter programming, and as an Auditor, his comments inspired me to continue to seek educational opportunities and improve my knowledge base and skills.

Please take advantage of an upcoming Chapter event to improve your auditing skills, and don’t forget to regularly check out theiia.org for additional training opportunities so you too can “Invest in Yourself”!

I hope to see you at a WMIIA Event this year!

Thanks,

Adrienne Heidema
WMIIA 2015-16 Chapter President
Upcoming Events FEBRUARY--APRIL

March 10th—IT Audit Roundtable with WMISACA—Join Brian Huston, Senior Manager, EY Advisory Services as he leads a discussion around IT auditing at Mercantile Bank’s Grand Rapids office. Breakfast will be served at 8:30am with the roundtable to follow from 9-10am (For more information or to register, visit the event page here).

Come Celebrate 40 Years of Achievement!

We are happy to have served our community for 40 years! It’s something that we have worked very hard to accomplish. Join us in celebration on April 28th from 4pm-6:30pm at The Waldron Pearl Room. The night will include a CPE event with cocktail reception to follow. Speaker Anne Donovan, PwC Human Capital Transformation Leader will facilitate an interactive discussion on adapting the work environment to engage millennials. The event will also highlight past presidents, chapter achievements, member achievements, and much more. We hope to see you there!

In case you missed it...

Data Analytics, Excel Risks, and More—December 10th

Christopher Mishler, Senior Consultant, Experis Finance moderated a session on why Data Analytics is important to Internal Audit along with the enhancements it can provide in key strategic areas such as, regulatory expectations, competitive landscape, and talent development. Christopher covered the common challenges faced when beginning to implement data analytics into your internal audit process. With awareness of these challenges early on, we can plan and prepare for them appropriately. Additionally, he provided a four phase planning guide for how to use data in audits. Chris ended the presentation by providing tips and tricks to create sustainable excel workbooks and data organization best practices.

Breakfast with a CAE—January 7th

Host George Dyer, GFS Director of Internal Audit, provided us with an overview of the structure and responsibilities of the Internal Audit department at GFS. Mr. Dyer also touched on topics such as his department’s relationship with the audit committee, audit follow-up procedures, and preparing for a Quality Assurance Review (QAR). This session provided some great real world examples of how an IAD can establish great relationships with the rest of the business.

2016 CPE Days—February 8-9th

Day 1—Nejolla Korris of Intervertas International presented a two part seminar on ethical issues associated with workplace deviance, corruption, and its counterparts. The AM session focused on integrating ethics with everyday corporate life. The PM session highlighted how to pay attention to verbal responses by reviewing high-profile cases. Day 1 provided participants with valuable information on how to instill ethical behavior in the workplace.

Day 2—MrExcel, Bill Jelen led an interactive course on how to unleash the power of Excel. Participants received copies of Jelen’s books “Power Excel with MrExcel” and “Mr ExcelXL: The 40 Greatest Excel Tips of All Time.” The AM session touched on cool secrets and tricks located in Excel’s data menu while the PM session focused on introducing attendees to new tools such as Power Pivot, Power View, and Power Map. Day 2 provided some very powerful information to those who utilize Excel every day.

If you missed any of these meetings and would like a copy of the materials, please reach out to our Chapter Secretary, Katie Boelema.
Great opportunity for students: Win a $1,000 scholarship!

Internal Auditor magazine, the world’s leading publication covering the internal audit profession, is looking to help mold the next generation of practitioners with six new scholarships announced. Each $1,000 scholarship is offered to undergraduate and graduate students who write the most informative and thought-provoking essay for each scholarship. Once the student winners are announced, the winning essay will be published on InternalAuditor.org. For more information, go to InternalAuditor.org/scholarships or click on the picture below.

Treasury Update
WMIIA Accounts

Questions regarding the chapter's financials? Just send an email to our Treasurer, Matt Visco.

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CAP Points Update

The IIA’s Chapter Achievement Program (“CAP”) awards chapters CAP points in three areas (Service to the Profession, Service to Members and Chapter Administration) to facilitate chapter planning activities and to reward chapters and the members. Last year, the Western Michigan Chapter earned GOLD status for the tenth year in a row which qualified us for PLATINUM status! This year, our chapter goal is to earn GOLD status to maintain our current PLATINUM status. As of January, we have earned 1,165 CAP points and are on target to attain GOLD status for the 2015-2016 year.
A Call for Volunteers: Chapter Officer Elections

Looking for a way to get more involved with WMIIA in 2016? We are always looking for volunteers to aid in building our wonderful organization. Taking a leadership role or becoming part of a committee will provide a great opportunity for increased member participation and networking! A variety of volunteer roles are available allowing for a range of responsibilities and time commitments providing a perfect opportunity for everyone to get involved! As this year begins, we are specifically looking for volunteers to put their names forward during the nomination process to run for Chapter Officer. Duties for the open positions are as follows:

PRESIDENT
Serve as the main point of contact between the District Representative and Headquarters. Preside at all meetings of the chapter, nominating committee, and board of governors. Identify future leaders for local and international position.

VICE PRESIDENT (First & Second)
Perform the duties of the president in the absence of the president. Manage the activities of committees directly reporting to the V.P. Assume responsibility for coordination of chapter events.

SECRETARY
Maintain all minutes of meetings of the board of governors and chapter. Maintain chapter membership records. Notify members of all chapter events. Perform as corresponding secretary for the chapter.

TREASURER
Maintain financial records and receive/disburse chapter funds as authorized by the board of governors. Prepare both a preliminary budget and monthly financial reports. Deposit funds from monthly meetings within one business day.

If interested in a position, please contact any of the current officers.
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Book of the Month
Sawyer’s Guide for Internal Auditors, 6th Edition

While the foundation principles of internal auditing remain core, the ever-changing global business environment requires that internal auditors continue to adapt their position as value-adding partners in their organizations or risk becoming obsolete. Sawyer’s philosophy was that internal auditors should watch for emerging trends while keeping pace with changes in The IIA’s International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing (Standards), IT, legislation, and regulations—and to respond effectively to international events and evolving governance and risk management mandates. This 6th edition is a 3-volume set, making the content more navigable for the reader, and each volume includes an index and glossary for easy reference.

20% Off For Chapter Members
Promotion code: Chapter
Expires: Feb 29, 2016
Welcome and Congratulations

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We are excited to welcome the following new members into our chapter:

Maribeth Dangel
Dustan Luban
Ryan Lusardi
Reed Taylor

And to congratulate the following members on their anniversaries:

Jason Black—5 Years
Enock Chibende—10 Years
Mike Epperly—10 Years
Linda Jacobs—10 Years
Shawn Makin—5 Years
Matthew Visco—10 Years

Also, congratulations to Daisha Ngo for earning her Certification in Risk Management Assurance (CRMA).

A Call for Presenters

SHARE—LEARN—SUCCEED

We invite you to suggest potential speakers whom you know to be knowledgeable, skillful, and experienced. Potential speaking topics include but are not limited to:

Annual Risk-Based Audit Planning
Using Data Analytics
Fraud
Managing the IT Audit Function
Audit Department Resourcing

Planning an Audit Engagement
Cloud Computing
COSO Guidance
Segregation of Duties
LEAN/Six Sigma
Interviewing
Writing Recommendations
Report Writing
Operational Auditing
Getting ready for the CIA Exam?
Prepare with the IIA’s CIA Learning System!

The CIA Learning system was developed by a team of CIA-certified experts proving it to be the most effective review program available. Both an interactive self-study program and a facilitator-led course are available. For more information on the program, visit the training page available here.